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BOY DROWNED IN
WILLOW CREEKTWO BREAK THROUGH THE
ICE BUT ONE IS
RESCUED

NOT AWARE OF DANGER

Quick Assistance of Other Skat-
ers Saves One but Other
in Water for Two
Hours

Elmer Brugger, the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brugger, who live on a farm a couple of miles north of Baxter, was drowned Sunday afternoon in Willow Creek. Elmer, his older brother, aged about 20, was rescued and resuscitated after he had lost consciousness in the water. His recovery was thought to be doubtful for several hours but the boy is now recovering nicely.

The two boys were skating on Willow Creek and went through a sheet of thin ice at a point about 100 yards east of the railroad bridge on the Gaines place. They both broke through at the same time. Their cries for help were heard by Oliver Norman and another colored boy who were about 60 yards away. One of the boys got a grape vine and succeeded in passing one end to Elmer in time to save him; the other boy was out of reach. A party of young people skating near the dam was called and they helped. Oscar Bilharz took a canoe to the scene and with hooks finally brought the body to the surface and every means available were used to restore him, but without success. He was in the water over two hours.

The alarm was given in the city about three o'clock and the fire truck loaded with several men was taken out, but they arrived too late to be of any assistance.

Other skaters on the creek say that the ice along the creek was about two inches thick and bore up the skaters safely except at this wide point where the water was about seven feet deep. Here it had not frozen more than an inch. Others knew this point was dangerous and kept away, but it seems the Brugger brothers were by themselves and were not made aware of the danger.

ASKS \$6,390 DAMAGES

Baxter Springs Man Says He Was
Seriously Injured Last
September

Columbus, Kas., Dec. 28—Elmer Close of Baxter Springs has brought suit in the Columbus division of district court against the Lucky O. K. Mining Company asking for \$6,390 which he claims is due him in the way of compensation, alleging that he was injured while working for the company on or about September 1.

Close says he was working at the company's mine and concentrating plant, and while climbing an improvised ladder constructed by the defendant, for the purpose of dumping dirt into some wagons, one of the cross bars of the ladder broke, causing him to fall. He alleges that his right knee was dislocated and that the tendons of the knee are so twisted and torn that the knee still becomes dislocated when he tries to walk.

He says he even has to wear a brace on his leg while sleeping to keep the joint in place. He says he was unsuccessful in making a settlement with the company.

LOOKING AFTER THE

LONESOME BOYS

Muskogee, Dec. 27—Charles W. Dawson, of Muskogee, Okla., governor of the eleventh district of rotary clubs, after visiting a number of training camps, tells of one place where he saw a soldier remain in the back part of a store after his comrades had left. A girl behind the counter asked what he wanted.

"Oh, nothing," he said. "I'm lonesome. I just wanted to hear you talk."

To prevent such a condition has the war camp community service been organized by the War and Navy Department Commissions on Training Camp Activities. It provides comfort and welcome, wholesome recreation and home hospitality for the men on leave in the cities and towns near the camps.

GOV'T INTERESTED
IN MINING FIELDSeizes German Owned Stock in
American Metal Company
and Chanute Spelter
Company

German owned stock in the American Metal company has been taken over by the United States Government, according to an article recently published in the Daily Metal Report of New York. The Chanute Spelter Company, a subsidiary of the American Metal company, recently acquired the lease on 3,800 acres of mineral lands extending from Baxter Springs to Blue Mound and from the state line north to the Chetopa road.

The extent of the influence of government holdings in this mining field is only a matter of conjecture. It has possibilities of much benefit to the district. Uncle Sam will likely participate in the development of the properties on which mines have already been proven.

The following is from the Daily Metal Report:

"Alien enemies living in Germany own a minority of the stock of the American Metal company, and this stock, therefore, will be seized by the United States government through the alien enemy property custodian. The shares are owned chiefly by the Metallbank and Metallurgische Gesellschaft of Frankfurt, Germany, and neither the property nor the administrative control of the American Metal Company will in any manner be interfered with.

"Besides large silver and lead properties of its affiliated companies in Mexico, American Metal Company has extensive zinc interests in both Mexico and the United States, and its importance as a distributor of copper is exceeded by only three companies on the continent. For many months until quite recently 75 per cent of the metal exports from Mexico have been consigned to the American Metal Co.

"The Gesellschaft has for many years been a prominent industrial commercial organization, occupying a position of recognized international importance, and the American Metal Company's early training was imbued with the spirit of enterprise of the older company. But the American Metal Company has matured, and while it retained the agency for the Gesellschaft, it has long followed its own policies under independent executive control. The result of the government's investigation indicates the company's former connection with the German organization was not of a character to justify impeachment of its loyalty."

MAN AND WIFE HELD

ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Taxicab Driver Also Is Arrested
When "Booze" Is Being Un-
loaded in Kansas—Held
at Columbus

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gibson, who live near the Blue Mound mine, and a Joplin taxicab driver, who was driving a car with them, were arrested Thursday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff John Moyer on a charge of violating the "bone-dry" law.

Moyer, Cy Frazier, a son of Sheriff Bob Frazier, and Consable Gene Turner of Baxter Springs were on their way from Trece o' Baxter when they saw Gibson and his wife unloading some liquor at their home. The officers placed the party under arrest. The Gibsons had employed a taxi to take them home from Joplin and had a suit case full of whiskey with them.

The three were taken to Baxter Springs and arraigned before Justice of the Peace John Jones. The case was continued until next Saturday. The taxi driver gave bond, but Gibson and his wife are spending the night in the county jail here.

Wladek Zhyzko, the Polish Wrestler, defeated Y. Hussane for the World's Championship. The match was held in Boston, Mass. The first fall was made after wrestling for one hour and forty minutes.

EXPECT SAVING IN
GOV'T OWNERSHIPEXPERTS DECLARE RAIL-
ROADS CAN PAY DIVI-
DENDS, MAKE MONEY

BY CUTTING OUT WASTE

Elimination of High Salaries,
Useless Competition and
Duplication of Service
First Reforms

(United Press wire)

Washington, Dec. 29—Railroad experts declare that under government control they expect the railroads of the country to pay a reasonable dividend to all stockholders and in addition pile up a surplus to the credit of the nation of \$250,000,000 the first year. Director General McAdoo took the first step today in railroad reforms when he ordered that henceforth all war freight should be sent through the country over the shortest and quickest routes regardless of individual lines. The railroad war board is busy working out other plans for the future. Whether the present board continues to direct railroad business and how long depends upon its success in meeting present emergency demands. Shipping is greatly retarded at present by the extreme low temperature that extends practically all over the northern part of the United States. The President will address congress January 4 for the purpose of outlining the legislation needed to meet the present emergency.

RED CROSS WORK
AGAIN THURSDAYSpecial Call for Supplies Will
Be Met with Increased Ac-
tivity in Baxter, says
Supervisor

Mrs. W. W. Wyatt, supervisor of the local work rooms of the American Red Cross Society, wishes the Daily Citizen to announce that work will be resumed Thursday morning in both work rooms, viz. at the Library and in the rear of E. M. Mitchell's jewelry store.

"We are anxious for all who have enlisted in the work to be present," said Mrs. Wyatt, "and we also want recruits, as many as can come. We can furnish the work and the country needs the help of the women."

Word has been sent out from headquarters that an increased supply of surgical bandages are required, the work to be completed by January 16.

WIDOW AND CHILDREN
SUE MINING COMPANY

An explosion of dynamite at Tar River, eight miles west of Baxter Springs, which wrecked the boiler and hoister rooms of the Producer's Mining company last October and caused the death of Ira Pattison, an employee of the corporation, is occasion of a damage suit which was filed in the district court at Miami Monday.

Mrs. Estella Pattison, for herself and as next friend of Catheline, David, Jimmie and Sunshine Pattison, is plaintiff in the suit in which she prays judgment for \$51,480, alleging that her husband and father of the minor children was negligently killed.

Ira Pattison, according to allegations of the petition was hoisting engineer, tool dresser and blacksmith at the company mines near Tar River. The pleadings aver that on October 25, last, while in the line of duty working at his forge and in the welding of red hot irons, Roy Hensley, an employee of the company in charge of explosives, entered the boiler room where Pattison was employed and where dynamite was stored.

It is charged that Hensley exposed caps to sparks from the anvil of the blacksmith and that in an explosion which resulted he suffered wounds from which he died two days later.

The children in whose behalf suit is filed are of tender years, Jimmie is 12 years old; Catheline, 8; David, 6, and Sunshine 4.

RIGID ECONOMY
ON RAILROADSPRINCELY SALARIES OF
HIGH OFFICIALS
MUST GO

COMPETITION ELIMINATED

Government Plans to Put Rail-
roads on Paying Basis by
Instituting a Number
of Radical Changes

Washington, Dec. 28—The wholesale annihilation of big salaries of high officials and the removal of hordes of needless traffic agents and freight and passenger solicitors from the pay roll is Secretary McAdoo's plan for cutting down the expenses of operating the railroads of the country. The reforms will be started as soon as the government can readjust the railroad business after the first of the year. No attempt will be made to change the wage schedules for the present. Secretary McAdoo believes that the elimination of useless overhead costs in the way of salaries and numerous branch offices, and the weeding out of duplications in service now existing between parallel lines will enable the roads to pay a fair dividend to stockholders and leave a substantial balance to the credit of the government. At the same time the service will be greatly improved through the control and distribution of cars to meet the needs of different sections of the country, regardless of the ownership of the cars. Another reform will do away with the expensive administrative departments at big terminals. All advertising and solicitation features of railroad operation will be eliminated and rigid economy will be practiced all along the line.

NOT BARNES FROM
SILOAM SPRINGSTwo Brothers Here to Clear Up
Report that Either Was
Man Who Stole the
Phonograph

Paul B. Barnes and his brother, Lee Barnes, two young men who are working in restaurants at Picher, were in Baxter Sunday for the purpose of establishing the fact that neither of them is the man, who called himself Lyman Harry Barnes, and who stole a phonograph and embezzled money from J. W. Grantham, also to prove that the man who did the crooked work does not live in Siloam Springs, Ark., and is not the son of Dr. J. F. Barnes of that city. Paul and Lee Barnes are the sons of Dr. Barnes. They have been in and around Baxter Springs for several months and both bear clean records, and naturally disliked having the stigma hanging over them that the present rotorty has caused.

FOODSTUFFS NOW IN
USE IN GERMANY

Washington, Dec. 27—Concentrated straw fodder and ground grape pips are suggested for table use in Germany. In a published list of new foodstuffs, with descriptions of use, the following are also found:

Rheubarb leaves, seaweed, straw meal, crushed and ground maize ears, heather stalks, ground sugar-beet seeds, parsley seed, wild radish husks, bran, wine yeast, beechnut cake, fish meal, and various mixed foods.

Attempts have recently been made in England to establish the use of rheubarb leaves as greens, but it appears that such food is dangerous. English newspapers have reported several cases of illness following the eating of rheubarb leaf blades.

THE Y FUND STILL OPEN

The Y. M. C. A. fund quota of Baxter Springs is still open. The committee is now seeing its way clear to raise the whole sum if they could only get hold of the people on their list. It is true that every one in the city is exceptionally busy, but the committee feels that a little co-operation on the part of the public, in volunteering to turn in their share of the fund, will help them out greatly.

BAD MAN GETS
HOCKER'S WALLETBut Is Caught in the Act by
Railroad Detective and Had
to Disgorge—Placed in
County Bastile

L. C. Hocker, founder of Hockerville, the fastest growing town in Kansas, was robbed Wednesday while in Miami. He was at the Frisco station about 7 o'clock in the evening and but for the vigilance of W. T. Love, special agent for the road, would have been loser of 119 perfectly good dollars. Love detected the thief in the act of picking Hocker's pockets and arrested the man at once, returning the money to the surprised and frustrated owner, who did not know he had been robbed until informed by the detective.

The thief gave the name of H. C. Hughes. He was taken to the county jail and held for a hearing today. Hocked stayed in Miami, saying he would remain as long as necessary to prosecute the robber.

The robbery took place while passengers were crowding the station platform endeavoring to board a north-bound train. Love noticed Hughes with his hands in his overcoat pockets crowding Hocker and at once recognized pickpocket methods. He pushed into the crowd behind Hughes and saw him slip his hand through a hole in the coat pocket and withdraw a pocketbook from the hip pocket of Hocker's rousers. In the surging of the crowd Hughes was enabled to mount the steps of the car, but was forced to one side in the vestibule. Love boarded the train after him and seeing that he could not get away, called to Hocker and asked him if he had been robbed. Hocker investigated, turned pale and shouted: "Yes, its all gone." Love then took charge of Hughes who at once offered to "give it back." Love took the pocketbook which contained \$119.

Numerous complaints of robberies by pickpockets during the last two weeks caused the Frisco to put special agents to watching trains and stations between Joplin and Miami. Officer Love arrived in Miami yesterday afternoon from the north. Train No. 108, going north, was late, arriving about 7 o'clock. It was dark enough for a pickpocket to work easily and Hughes would have "got away with it" had it not been for the quick action of Officer Love.

Love worked with the Joplin police last Saturday night and five pickpockets were arrested working in the crowds in the Frisco and other railroad stations there. It is believed that the chief members of the gang have now been taken in and that the robberies will cease.

PRO-GERMAN PREACHER
NEARLY LYNCHEDRope Placed About Man's Neck
but Saved by Entreaty of
His Wife—Leaves in
One Hour

Alton, Ia., Dec. 28—After months of friction between citizens, members of the county council of defense and pro-Germans of this community, late yesterday a sensational attack was made upon Rev. W. A. Storck and Fred Tenekheig, both of whom had ropes placed around their necks and were all but lynched. Parents of boys who have gone to war and who have become infuriated by the continued unpatriotic actions of some prominent citizens were said to be leaders.

This followed a public meeting at which both men refused to heed the council of defense.

Tenekheig, 30, single and said to be worth \$45,000, had done little for the war, and the Rev. Storck has been before the council of defense repeatedly for alleged treasonable acts. Both men had ropes placed about their necks and Tenekheig was dragged nearly a block before he was released. He signed a check for \$1,000 for the Red Cross.

Storck's escape from lynching was due to his wife, who ran, screaming to the spot where they had led him, and fell fainting to the ground. The men then turned their attention to her, and later let Storck free on condition that he and his family leave the community at once. He left within the hour.

HIGHER WAGES FOR
ALL R. R. EMPLOYESTHE MANAGER GENERAL
PLEDGES A SATISFACTORY
PAY SCHEDULE

WILL TREAT ALL ALIKE

No Discrimination Between the
Brotherhood and Non-Broth-
erhood Men—Not Full
40 Per Cent

(United Press Wire)

Washington, Dec. 31—One and one-half million railroad employes are promised increased wages under the new government control. This assurance has been made public by Director General McAdoo after a definite agreement had been reached between himself and President Wilson, chief of the railroad brotherhoods. The increase will cover all employes, whether members of the brotherhoods or not. It is not believed that it will be possible at this time to grant the full 40 per cent increase demanded by the unions but the assurance is held out that the wage schedules under the new order of things will be regulated by mutual agreement and on the basis of actual earnings of the roads and the prevailing cost of living. It is believed that as in the mail service, strikes will be entirely eliminated and protective unions no longer needed. The basis of increase at present will be determined today at a meeting of the board of mediation with Manager General McAdoo.

COMMUNITY HALL FOR BAXTER

Baxter Springs as a community is now face to face with a great demand for public improvement in every possible branch of community interests. The supplying of proper sanitary accommodations and of light and water is only the beginning of what must come. Perhaps the greatest need today aside from the physical necessities is a high school that will meet the demands of the growing population. Our high school today is hardly worthy of that name. The student body is only a smattering of what this town should produce. There are very good reasons for this state of affairs, the most important being the lack of floor space, general equipment and teachers. Floor space is paramount. Equipment must have room and teachers would have to be supplied to meet the demand. It is only fair to say that the present faculty are doing all that could be expected of any corps of teachers under the prevailing circumstances. In comparison with cities of similar population, Baxter Springs has hardly one-fifth the normal number of high school students.

The recent fire which destroyed the Methodist Episcopal church has made it necessary for that congregation to build at once. They anticipate the construction of a fifty or sixty thousand dollar building.

The other leading Protestant churches of Baxter will soon be compelled to rebuild to meet the demands of their respective congregations. All of these institutions are or will be at a loss to know the size and type of their improvements, because of the ignorance of extent of the city's future development.

In the foregoing the interests of the whole community are at stake. Every man, woman and child within the corporate limits of Baxter Springs should be vitally interested in this great building program that confronts us. In view of these facts I propose that the city of Baxter should build a Community Hall to be used for a high school, a housing for the leading Protestant churches and perhaps a public library. I believe I can justify my project.

My plan of construction would satisfy the needs of the church bodies that would use the building. The most important thing would be a large auditorium equipped to accommodate two or three thousand people. This room I would use for an auditorium for the high school and for union church services on Sunday and other public gatherings.

I would have a gymnasium for the use of high school. In recent years it is regarded as a necessity. I would establish the public library in the Community Hall. In this way the

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